

Remarks


By entry of this Preliminary Amendment claims 1-20 are pending, claims 18 and 19 are amended and new claim 20 is hereby added. No new matter is incorporated into the present application by entry of this Amendment. We respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to calculation of the government filing fees.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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